

Wild Currant Discovery.

Prof. B. C. Buffum, the plant expert formerly connected with the Colorado Agricultural College, and a Greeley man for years, but now conducting an experiment farm in Wyoming, has discovered, and is seeking to hybridize the famous variety of currant which Irving tells about in his true history of the adventures of Captain Bonneville, who journeyed into Wyoming and the West fifty years ago and found this species of currant.

It Was Their Question.

A party of young men were camping, and to avert annoying questions they made it a rule that the one who asked a question that he could not answer himself had to do the cooking.

One evening while sitting round the fire, one of the boys asked: "Why is it that a ground squirrel never leaves any dirt at the mouth of its burrow?"

They all guessed and mused. So he was asked to answer it himself.

"Why," said he, "because they always begin to dig at the other end of the hole."

"But," asked one, "how does he get to the other end of the hole?"

"Well," was the reply, "that's your question."—Cleveland Leader.

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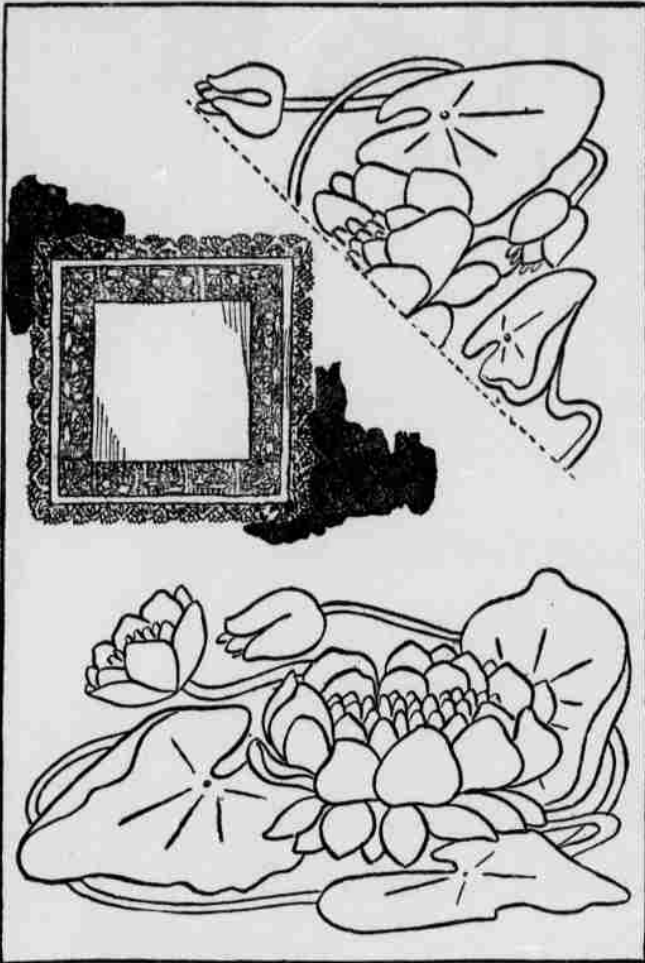
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To Make Tea Cloth



Design in Outline in Old Blue on Gray Linen, with Fashionable Darned Background.

AFTERNOON tea on the porch is one of the most pleasant features possible on a summer day, and it is essential that the appointments of the tea table should be in keeping with the shady coolness of the porch. For this cloth, simple designs and materials of a rather rustic texture are the most effective, such as homespun linen, linen huckabuck and crash.

Among the most attractive of the tea cloths are those with the design outlined and the background filled in with darned stitch. Such a one is shown in the sketch. The water lily design is outlined with dark green floss, and the background filled in with a lighter shade of green—a delightfully leafy, silvery shade like June foliage. The material is natural color crash, and the Cluny lace edge is dyed to match the darker green in the embroidery.

Another equally pretty color scheme

is grayish linen with outline stitch in dark old blue, darning in lighter blue, and the lace matching the darker shade.

One motif for the border and one-half of the corner are given, to be traced on the linen by means of carbon paper and a hard lead pencil. A plain, two-inch hem is put in, with a row of outline stitch five inches above it, and another row five inches from this, which forms the top of the border. Then the motifs are placed between the two rows, outlined, and the background filled in.

The cloth when completed should be one yard square, with a two-inch edge of lace for a finish. It is advisable to use a good grade of floss, so that it will not fade, and in washing it is well to put a good handful of table salt in the water to set the color. The cloth is quickly and easily made, and the result sure to be pleasing.

BLUE SERGE COSTUME.



Blue serge is very useful for costumes of this description. The skirt is quite plain, and is finished at the foot by a single row of stitching. White cloth is used for the collar and cuffs of the semi-fitting coat, which fastens down center of front by three large smoke-pearl buttons.

Hat of straw, trimmed with a wreath of flowers and two quills.

Materials required: Six yards serge 48 inches wide, one-fourth yard wide cloth, three buttons, four yards lining for coat.

Cravat with Double Ends.

If you have a strip of brown silk, taffeta or messaline, and a little silk in pretty contrasting color, such as ecru, delicate green or blue, make one of the new cravats with double ends. These are cut like a man's string tie, but with a difference. A perfectly plain bias fold of the silk is used to go round the neck, but where it meets in front each end branches off into two parts, giving four ends in all. These ends are all lined with silk of a contrasting color. The effect when tied is very pretty. The cravat must not be less than a yard in length.

NOVELTY IN HOME AQUARIUM

One That is Made with a Picture Frame Front and Intended to Hang on the Wall.

A novelty in balanced or self-sustaining home aquariums is made to hang up on the wall like a picture. The tank is oblong, narrow at the bottom, but wider at the top. The side to go against the wall is vertical, while the front slopes outwards, as a picture hangs, and this outer side is in fact surrounded with a picture frame.

The back and ends of this aquarium are inclosed in a metallic holder, with hooks at the top by which it may be hung, and at the back between this metallic holder and the back wall of the glass tank is inserted a picture, a landscape having at the bottom in the foreground a brook.

The bottom of the tank is covered with gravel, and set in the water is suitable vegetation sufficient to please the eye and to keep the water aerated, and then of course there are the fishes, and when you have it thus stocked you hang this aquarium up on the wall to have the effect of a picture with fishes swimming around in it.

Water.

Are you forgetting to drink the proper amount of water every day? Do you drink two glasses before breakfast?

You should. But by all that is hygienic do not take your water until your mouth has been rinsed with an antiseptic and your teeth thoroughly cleansed.

People who know tell us that an acid forms during the night in the mouth and around the teeth. This acid will decay the teeth, therefore common sense tells us it is not good for the stomach; it certainly should not be washed down there deliberately anyway.

But a cold bath for the average stomach is a tonic just as it is for the body. Try it.

To Improve the Neck.

To fatten the neck massage with warm olive oil. A good cold cream is excellent, but the best results are obtained with the olive oil. To apply this first wash the neck with warm water and a mild, pure soap, then rinse carefully and apply a cloth or flannel wrung out of hot water and folded several times. This compress is kept on until it begins to cool, and then another is supplied, but do not prolong the treatment more than ten minutes. This softens the skin and opens the pores. The oil, slightly warmed, should be rubbed in, giving especial attention to the hollows, which should be massaged with a firm rotary motion.

FALLIERES IN STAINED GLASS.

Portrait of French President That Arouses Criticism—Is Skillful Piece of Work.

Paris.—Charlemagne once visited the city of Le Mans and was so delighted with it that he nominated himself honorary canon of the cathedral, an appointment which Pope Clement VII. in 1883 conferred on his successors forever.

A Le Mans artist, Mr. Echivard, a designer of stained glass windows, was reminded of this fact one day by reading an account of a stained glass window in the Church of St. John at Lunenburg in which the kaiser is depicted. He decided that the French president should no longer lack an honor that had been paid to the German emperor, and set to work on a design showing M. Fallieres, the president of the republic, and therefore, according to the artist's belief, successor to the kings as honorary canon, clothed in a canon's cope and kneeling on a devotional chair.

The modern and the archaic are allied in the design. The cope is thrown back sufficiently to show that M. Fallieres is wearing evening dress and the grand cross of the Legion of Honor. The arms of the cathedral chapter, three fleur-de-lis and three keys, are balanced by an escutcheon ornamented with the Legion of Honor and the Gallic cock.

Below is the inscription in Gothic characters: "According to tradition, Messire Armand Fallieres, eighth president of the French republic, takes



President Fallieres of France in Stained Glass.

in his quality of chief of state the title of canon of Saint-Julien of Le Mans." Long months of work went into making the glass after the design and now that it is finished it has met with only a cold welcome. The spectacle of the president, during his term of office church and state were definitely separated, figuring as a canon seems to give pleasure to no party or section. A local art society even refused to admit the window to its exhibition, although the skill of its execution is generally admitted.

NEW NAVY YARD COMMANDER

Capt. J. B. Murdock, Former Chief of Battleship Rhode Island, Succeeds Admiral Goodrich.

New York.—Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, retired, who has been commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard since June 1, 1907, relinquished his command recently and was succeeded by Capt. Joseph B. Murdock, who commanded the battleship Rhode Island in the cruise of the fleet around the world. Capt. Murdock is the first



Capt. J. B. Murdock.

officer of his rank to be placed in command of the navy yard since 1889, when Capt. Francis M. Ramsey was the commandant.

Capt. Murdock was born at Hartford in 1851 and is a graduate of the United States naval academy. He served as executive officer on the U. S. S. Panther during the Spanish-American war. He has written a number of articles on electricity and magnetism. Rear Admiral Goodrich was born in Philadelphia in 1847 and is a graduate of the United States naval academy.

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